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1. The Chinese Communists are building a new railway, from Hsinghsien (111-01, 38-38) toward Kolan (111-32,38-43) and Ningwu (112-17,38-59), with materials obtained from various other parts of Shansi Province.
2. There are almost impregnable defense works around Hsinghsien. In the past this city was second in importance only to Yenan (109-27,36-36) as a Chinese Communist political center south of Shanhaikuan (119-47,40-01).
3. The Chinese Communists have given mining rights in Shansi to their Soviet advisers in Hsinghsien.

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